



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Farmer, et al.
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/509,159 EXAMINER: Vera Afremova
FILING DATE: May 28, 2003 ART UNIT: 1651
FOR: TOPICAL USE OF PROBIOTIC BACILLUS SPORES TO PREVENT OR
CONTROL MICROBIAL INFECTIONS

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is in response to the Advisory Action mailed July 5, 2006, and in response to the final Office Action mailed January 19, 2006 in the above-identified application. Applicant submits this paper in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 and the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). This paper constitutes a proper submission in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c)

Applicants previously submitted a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee, in conjunction with the Response and Amendment filed June 19, 2006. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee. Applicants submit herewith a check in the amount of \$285.00 to cover the petition fee. This amount represents the small entity petition fee for a three-month extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) (*i.e.*, \$510.00) reduced by the amount of money Applicant previously paid for the two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2) (*i.e.*, \$225.00).

With the three-month extension, these documents are due on or before Wednesday, July 19, 2006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19374-501 NATL.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.